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LIMDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECY. SHELTON

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SUBJECT:INVITATION TO INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT LUCAS
IN GUATEMALA

REF: GUATEMALA 3724

1. I APPRECIATE MISSION'S CONCERN ABOUT THE SECURITY
SITUATION IN GUATEMALA AND THE RISKS OF MY ATTENDING
INAUGURATION CEREMONY. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT A LACK
OF PARTICIPATION BY ARA FRONT OFFICE MIGHT WELL BE POORLY
RECEIVED BY INCOMING GUATEMALAN ADMINISTRATION IN VIEW OF
LEVEL WHICH EXTENDED INVITATIONS AND THE NUMBER OF
REGRETS. AFTER HAVING CONSULTED EXTENSIVELY WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT, I HAVE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH MY PLANS TO
ATTEND. I WILL BE IN GUATEMALA VERY SHORT TIME, ARRIVING
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JUNE 30 AT 3:15 P.M. ON PAN AMERICAN 541 AND DEPARTING
SUNDAY MORNING. SHOULD THE SECURITY SITUATION DETERIORATE
FURTHER I WOULD OF COURSE RECONSIDER MY DECISION.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S INFORMING APPROPRIATE
GOG OFFICIALS OF MY ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR INVITATION.
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU. VANCE

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